

the summer colony here feel about it. They lost interest in the envoys just as soon as they found there wasn't a man in either suite who knew any more cotton figures. The whole lot of the newspaper men went fishing this morning. Some of them spent as much as \$3 for a little bait. Just ordinary bottled goods, too.

**Notes.**  
The Japanese today notified the firm from which they rented the combination safe for the papers at the hotel to take out the safe and render their bill this afternoon. The emperor's reply to the message of M. Witte transmitting the proposition of President Roosevelt had not been received up to noon today and was not expected until tomorrow. It is the belief, however, that there will be no final word of hands at tomorrow's session of the plenipotentiaries.

### TAFT PARTY AT JOLO.

#### An Elaborate Program Arranged for Their Entertainment.

JOLO, August 18, via Manila, August 21 (Jolo in transmission).—Secretary Taft and party arrived here at noon and immediately proceeded to the parade ground to witness an elaborate program arranged for their entertainment. The Sultan of Sulu, with his retinue, and other Moro dignitaries, occupied seats on the grandstand along with Secretary Taft and Miss Roosevelt.

Thousands of Moros, residents of Jolo and of the neighboring islands, were present to take part in the festivities, which were wonderfully picturesque. In the afternoon there were a rabao and bull fights of an amusing, but not bloodthirsty character.

Secretary Taft and Miss Roosevelt were presented with many Moro presents by the Sultan of Sulu, who was accompanied by Miss Roosevelt and would make her sultan of the Sulu archipelago, saying that his people desired her to remain among them.

While some members of the party were bathing in the afternoon, Frederick O'Brien, editor of the cable-news, was seized with cramps and died. He was found floating in the water, and was rescued by the representative of the cable-news, who was with him at the time of his death.

### FOR SEPARATE STATEHOOD.

#### Convention Opened at Muskogee, I. T., 200 Delegates Present.

MUSKOGEE, I. T., August 21.—The separate statehood constitutional convention opened here today with nearly 200 delegates, representing the five civilized tribes.

The first week or ten days of the convention probably will be occupied by the organization and appointing committees for the various branches of the work and discussing the main points that should enter into the constitution. The convention probably will then adjourn for a week and reassemble, at which time the committees will report and action on the proposed constitution will be submitted and discussed separately.

Delegates will be allowed to suggest changes and amendments freely. This will doubtless occupy much time, and the convention may last thirty or even sixty days.

### FIRE UPON FROM AMBUSH.

#### Fatal Effects of a Feud Battle in Tennessee.

HARRIMAN, Tenn., August 21.—According to information received here, a feud battle occurred yesterday near Alice station on the Queen and Crescent railroad, in a few minutes shot of Harriman Junction. In the fight Frederick Miller and his son, John Miller, aged twenty-three, and Fred Johnson were killed, and Henry Miller, another son of Fred Miller, aged eighteen, was dangerously wounded. They were fired upon from an ambush.

For more than twenty years a feud war has raged between the Miller and Rawlings families. It is not known what members of the latter family were engaged in the fight.

### MISSING CHECKS FOUND.

#### Disappeared With an Employee of a Chicago Firm.

CHICAGO, August 21.—Checks which disappeared with Gus Hobbs, the missing employee of Charles A. Stevens & Brothers, who vanished last Thursday while on his way to the Corn Exchange National Bank to make a deposit, were found today. The checks, which were \$2,223 in cash in the possession of Hobbs when he left the store, were found in a newspaper in a down town drug store yesterday.

The checks were left at the drug store by a man last Thursday. There was also a bank deposit slip in the bundle, and this indicates that there was \$2,223 in cash in the possession of Hobbs when he left the store. Stevens & Brothers had a dollar of currency was in the parcel.

### ARRESTS AT ST. PETERSBURG.

#### University Professors Accused of Preparing Election Material.

ST. PETERSBURG, August 21.—P. N. Mulokoff, professor of Russian history in the University of St. Petersburg, Prof. F. N. Denkevitch, and eleven others, all identified with the reform movement, were arrested at their respective residences last night by the political police, and are now in prison.

The only reason suggested for their arrest is that they are suspected of preparing an election campaign for liberal candidates for the Duma.

### DOCTOR FOR AUTO CLUB.

#### Chicago Organization Inaugurated the Official Surgeon.

CHICAGO, August 21.—The automobile club of Oak Park, a suburb, has taken the precautionary measures of electing a physician as one of the regular officers, and it is not unlikely that other clubs may follow the example.

The "official surgeon" always will be ready with liniment and bandages to care for the members who receive cuts or bruises on their many pilgrimages. He will accompany the club on its "runs," and when he takes part in a parade he will be in constant attendance.

### TWO CAMPERS DROWNED.

#### Young Men Jumped Into Water They Thought Shallow.

CHICAGO, August 21.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Geneseo, Ill., says: Herman Melvin and Ben Brooks of Oseo, camping at Rock river, were drowned yesterday. In company with two young men they went out rowing. Thinking the water shallow they threw the young girls overboard. Scrambling back, the girls threatened to throw the young men out. The young men jumped into water fifteen feet deep and were drowned.

### TRAGEDY AT LOS ANGELES.

#### Financier Killed Half Sister and Then Committed Suicide.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., August 21.—M. Beebe, a cement financier, today shot and almost instantly killed his half sister, Miss Lottie Beebe, fired four shots at another sister, which failed of their mark, and then turned his weapon upon himself and fired three shots into his breast, dying a short time later.

The tragedy occurred at the home of the Beebes. Beebe objected to his sister's attending attentions from young men.

### Widow of Noted Benefactor Dead.

#### MUSKOGEE, Mich., August 21.—Mrs. Julia Hackley died here today.

She was the widow of the late Charles H. Hackley, a capitalist and lumberman, whose benefactions greatly enriched this city's public institutions.

## A SIGNIFICANT TALK

### Baron Kaneko's Early Morning Conference

#### WITH THE PRESIDENT

#### WORD EXPECTED FROM THE CZAR

#### BEFORE NIGHT.

#### Interesting Interview With Japan's Confidential Agent—Strong Peace Hopes at Oyster Bay.

#### Special Dispatch to The Star.

OYSTER BAY, N. Y., August 21.—Baron Kaneko, recognized as the confidential agent of the mikado, arrived here early this morning.

His coming is particularly significant, because when he was here last Friday he stated quite positively that there would be no necessity of his returning to Oyster Bay again. His sudden change of plans was interpreted by optimistic persons as meaning that the mikado had decided to reconsider some of the points in regard to which the agreement at Portsmouth was believed to be final, and that Baron Kaneko was carrying a communication to that effect to the President.

It is quite certain that the President also expects to receive today a message from the czar at St. Petersburg, if he has not already done so, and by tonight the President will be in possession of pretty definite knowledge as to whether peace can be concluded or not.

At a conference with the President, Baron Kaneko returned to New York, leaving on the 12:20 train.

#### Bombarded With Questions.

"I can say nothing. I can say nothing about my mission," he reiterated, in reply to a fusillade of questions.

"I wish I could. But when peace comes, then I shall be happy to explain everything."

"That's the point," Baron Kaneko was asked. "When is peace to come, Baron?"

"The little Japanese gentleman's face expanded into a smile.

"I can say nothing more about what is going on at Portsmouth than any one else," he answered. "I get all my news from the newspapers," and with this the baron's smiling face disappeared.

"What is the prospect of Japan being willing to make concessions?"

"It has been supposed, Baron Kaneko, that your visit here today is a result of the cabinet meeting held in Tokyo yesterday. Is that true?" was the next inquiry.

"I read that there was such a cabinet meeting," he said, "and I am sure that the cabinet will be able to elucidate the subject which the baron would furnish."

#### Payment of Indemnity.

"Do you think that if Russia consents to consider the payment of an indemnity, the indemnities will be submitted to The Hague tribunal for determination?"

"The Hague tribunal, why the Hague tribunal?" queried the baron, in his turn, showing surprise.

Then in a lull in the conversation the baron broke out, addressing the assembled company: "There is one thing I wish that you would do for me, you have said that I am the financial agent of Japan in this country. I am sure that you will do it."

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### LOUISVILLE BANK SUSPENDED.

#### Western National Bank Ordered Closed by Federal Authorities.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., August 21.—The Western National Bank of this city was ordered closed by the federal authorities today. The bank's suspension has been anticipated, for on May 29 the bank showed a reserve of only 14 per cent, and its business has fallen off steadily since then. In fact, the bank's stock has within the last few days fallen from 107 to as low as 85.

President T. L. Jefferson of the bank, in a statement said the bank's failure is due simply to overloans and shrinkage in deposits.

The Western National Bank until about a year ago was known as the Western Bank, a state institution doing a small business. At that time W. B. Smith, the owner of a number of banks in Indiana, acquiring control of the Western Bank, its capitalization was increased to the legal amount required and the name changed to Western National Bank.

Smith became president of the bank and remained in that office until July 10 last, when he was succeeded by T. L. Jefferson. The bank's business, however, had been suffering a gradual falling off recently owing to adverse criticism.

The doors of the Western National Bank of Louisville, Ky., were closed this morning by order of the controller of the currency.

A statement issued by the acting controller of the currency says:

"An examination of the bank by Bank Examiner Garrett today showed that its capital was badly impaired by losses. Steady withdrawals have been made for several days, and as there was not sufficient funds on hand to meet the demands, the controller of the currency has ordered the bank closed."

"The Western National Bank is comparatively a new institution, having been chartered October 29, 1904, to succeed the Western Bank of Louisville. W. B. Smith was president and T. L. Jefferson cashier of the bank."

The following is a statement of the resources and liabilities of the bank as shown by the last report of condition May 29, 1905:

Resources—Loans and discounts, \$1,200,324; overdrafts, \$3,211; United States bonds, \$100,000; cash, \$29,418; other assets, \$10,005; banking house and other real estate, \$28,044; cash from banks and branches, \$25,781; cash and cash items, \$24,889.

Liabilities—Capital stock, \$300,000; undivided profits, \$143; circulation, \$50,000; deposits, \$299,418; notes and bills redimpted, etc., \$36,322; total, \$1,724,889.

### POLAND RESENTS TREATMENT.

#### General Strike Proclaimed Against Disregard of Rights.

WARSAW, Russia, Poland, August 21.—A general strike has been proclaimed throughout Poland as a protest against the disregard of the rights of the Poles in the scheme for representation in the national assembly.

The strike began here today. Employees of the Vistula railway quit work and many trams were left standing at intermediate stations.

Eighty socialists carrying arms, while attempting to enter the city, were opposed by the police. Several of the socialists were killed and the others arrested.

Employees of factories at Warsaw, Lodz and other places have joined the strike. Besides the Vistula railway, the Terespol line and the light railways have been compelled to suspend service.

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